

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, said first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing face each other, said portable terminal comprising:

a first display which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing;

a second display which is located on the front surface of the first or the second housing; and

a control part which effects control to output a screen for inquiring of a user whether the content of mail is to be displayed or not on the first display, when a signal regarding mail has been received and when the portable terminal is in a closed state,

wherein the control part effects control to automatically display the content of mail on the second display when the portable terminal has been opened after the screen was displayed on the first display.

9. (new) The portable terminal according to claim 8, wherein the screen includes a name of a sender of the mail.

10. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, the first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing surface face each other, said portable terminal comprising:

a first display which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing;

a second display which is located on the front surface of the first or the second housing;

an operation key which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing; and

a controller which effects control to output a screen for inquiring of a user whether the content of mail is to be displayed or not on the first display, when a signal regarding mail has been received and when the portable terminal is in a closed state,

wherein the controller effects control to display the content of mail on the second display without a user's operation of the operation key, when the portable terminal has been opened after the screen was displayed on the first display.

11. (new) The portable terminal according to claim 10, wherein the controller effects control to display the content of mail on the first display,

when the operation key is operated in the closed state after the screen was displayed on the first display.

12. (new) The portable terminal according to claim 11, wherein the screen includes a name of a sender of the mail.

13. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, the first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing surface face each other, said portable terminal comprising:

an operation key operable by a user of the portable terminal;

a receiver which receives information regarding mail; and

a display which displays a screen for inquiring of a user whether the content of mail is to be displayed, when the information regarding mail has been received by the receiver in a closed state, and then displays the content of mail without a user's operation of the operation key when the portable terminal has been opened after the screen was displayed on the display.

14. (new) The portable terminal according to claim 13, wherein the screen includes a name of a sender of the mail.

15. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is

disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, the first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing surface face each other, portable terminal comprising:

an operation key operable by a user of the portable terminal in a surface which is exposed in a closed state;

a receiver which receives a mail; and

a display which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing, and displays first information related to reception of mail, when the mail has been received by the receiver in the closed state, and then displays second information related to the reception of mail without a user's operation of the operation key when the portable terminal has been opened after the first information was displayed on the display.

16. (new) The portable terminal according to claim 15, wherein the first information is information indicating reception of a mail and the second information is content of the mail.

17. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, said first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing surface face each other, said portable terminal comprising:

a first display which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing;

a second display which is located on the front surface of the first or the second housing; and

a control part which effects control to output a screen indicating reception of mail on the first display, when a signal regarding mail has been received and when the portable terminal is in a closed state,

wherein the control part effects control to automatically display content of the mail on the second display when the portable terminal has been opened after the screen was displayed on the first display.

18. (new) A portable terminal having a first housing and a second housing, each of which has a front surface and a back surface which is disposed so as to be opposed to the front surface, the first and second housings being joined so as to be closable in such a manner that the front surface of the first housing and the front surface of the second housing surface face each other, said portable terminal comprising:

a first display which is located on the back surface of the first or the second housing;

a second display which is located on the front surface of the first or the second housing;

an operation key which is located in a surface which is exposed in a closed state; and

a controller which effects control to output a screen indicating reception of mail on the first display, when a signal regarding mail has been received and when the portable terminal is in a closed state,

wherein the controller effects control to display content of the mail on the second display with a user's operation of the operation key, when the portable terminal has been opened after the screen was displayed on the first display.